



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 2887.0250

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Shingo Tanaka et al. )  
Application No. 10/671,804 ) Group Art Unit: 2446  
Filed: September 29, 2003 ) Examiner: Farhad Ali  
For: MASTER COMMUNICATION DEVICE, ) Confirmation No. 9918  
SLAVE COMMUNICATION DEVICE, )  
COMMUNICATION CONTROL )  
APPARATUS, COMMUNICATION )  
SYSTEM, AND COMMUNICATION )  
CONTROL PROGRAM )

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed August 20, 2009, the period for response having been extended to January 20, 2010, by a request for extension of two months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please reconsider the above-identified application in light of the following remarks:

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.